

HENTRACKS, BY NYE

William Gives Some Directions
About the Festive Lays.

HENS DIFFER FROM HUMANS

In That They Have No Teeth—This
Brings Up the Dental Industry.
The Case of a Mad Hen.

There has recently been placed in my hands a volume entitled "Twenty-five Years in the Poultry Yard." I bought the book thinking that it was full of interesting and thrilling experiences. I was misled regarding the work, for I was led to believe that it was something like "Field, Dungeon and Escape," or "How I Put Down the Rebellion and Boarded Myself."

The book is extremely tame reading, though written in a neat and grammatical manner. "Twenty-five Years in a Poultry Yard" is no doubt a valuable book, but those who purchase it think-

ing that it resembles "Twenty Years in Congress" will shed many a bitter tear before they get through with it. Last evening I read aloud to my family and to a titled nobleman from Kinzie Kinrick, Wis., who is visiting us this summer while waiting for an opening in Dr. Fletcher's yard at an opening, a chapter on "Frosted Corn and Waffles," also one entitled "Indecentities for a Hen to Sit." This part of the volume is of interest only to those who find an interest in such things.

Mr. Howells would like the realism which the author introduces into the description of how to deal with a hen in trying to get her to sit and remain seated long enough to become a parent. The author states that a warm stove lid when shoved under the average hen will almost immediately induce her to sit down and take her things off.

To ascertain whether the hen really feels a tendency to sit one should watch her closely, and especially observe her temperature. Induce the hen to take about eight inches of a physician's glass thermometer into her throat for two to five minutes. Do not say anything funny to her while thus arranged, for she might laugh and thus break the thermometer with her teeth.

Feel the pulse of the hen at the same time. If the pulse—which you will find just over the keel—is rapid or irregular, coupled with a loaded eye, coldness of the bridge of the nose, much patches, together with acidity of the crop on rising in the morning, fretfulness, peevishness or sudden flashes of heat and cold, there is a tendency toward a sedentary life. Purchase a sitting of most any expensive egg.

The Indian Game I have found to be a good general purpose fowl, furnishing an afternoon's amusement on a rainy day and a chicken pie for dinner at the same price. The Indian Game at twelve weeks of age weighs three to four pounds, which is mostly breast and forearm. One gets good results in a short time, and unless rearing fowls for a boarding house the Indian Game, aside from being a fearless and brave fowl, is excellent for all around entertainment both before and after death.

Some like the Derbyshire Redcap, some the Black Minorcas. Others like the Cochins, the Marshall Nels and the Early Roses, but the Indian Game, as I say, for a general purpose hen, seems "to meet my demands" as a quick grower, prompt and careful layer, a good mother and the nucleus of as fine a gravy as I ever laid a lip over. Her husband is a quiet but mainly fowl, with shoulders well thrown back, dark, flashing eyes, is a good half back, and in death, with his broad, tender-brown pulch with summer savory and a dash of onion, he makes those who cluster about him almost forget the sorrowful circumstances under which they are not to gather.

The hen of this species is also obliging and cheery in the matter of laying. While some hens hang back and require a good deal of coaxing, claiming that they have come away and forgotten their notes and that they did not expect to be called upon, the Indian Game hen cheerfully asks what sort of an egg you want, and while you are getting your sherry ready she makes the arrangements for the egg.

Sherry and egg, or egg flip, may be made by a very slight effort, and either will be found nutritious to a remarkable degree. Physicians unite in the opinion that this wonderful co-operation—hen co-operation, as one may say of man and the hen—do make a soothing, nutritious and easily digested food for the invalid is one of the most wonderful of nature's great phenomena.

The hen differs from man largely in her failure to grow teeth. Man succeeds in raising from two to five crops of teeth by natural means, and Mr. Foster, a friend of mine who has handled teeth all his life, tells me that in the realm of artificial teeth there are 1,500 different models of teeth to fit and match the mouths of those who have outlived their original teeth. There are twenty-five standard shades of artificial teeth and 4,000 variations in constant use by the widest and most reliable dental houses in America.

This is a fact, and I have been to a good deal of trouble to look up this matter, as I know that even the most careless reader would like to know about it. Many of those shades are remembered by number by the trained dentist, but to remember the whole 4,000 would be out of the question.

those countries where the teeth are blackened by the people who regard themselves as the sine qua non of society. American people lead the world in the manufacture of teeth and supply every quarter of the globe with good dentistry. The success of our American dentists is in the mouths of the nobility of all nations. In Paris an American minister is brought into constant social contact with an American dentist from Michigan, and one minister resigned because this dentist played against one of his receptions in Paris with a musicale of his own. In London, an American dentist was the only American guest at the marriage of the Duke of Fife and the granddaughter of the queen. His name was Dr. Evans, and he showed me the card of invitation one Sunday upon the Thames and afterward gave me a bite of the wedding cake. When I tell you that Minister Lincoln and I stood outside making a widow while Dr. Evans came out and gave us points on the wedding, and when I tell you that Mr. Lincoln, General New and I, three men whose names are household words, stood at the gateway with our dinners in a large tin pail and saw Dr. Evans, our American dentist, coming out and leaning on the arm of the queen, even going so far as to unhitch her team from the fence and drive it around to the front door and help Victoria in, you will agree with me that the dentist of our own fair land is no slouch.

For certain Asiatic countries this big dental house makes a pure white tooth. This is really an odd looking as a pure white. It is as glistening as a perfectly white skin. The factory makes one shade of blue white, or pearl white, in this country for use among the people who die their hair a dead black or wear fawcettian wigs. Elderly orphans wear these teeth, and unite them together while smiling on those they love. It is said to see these frosted cake teeth nestling away among the deep dyed whiskers of a decayed old bachelor or a new-made widower. These teeth are also used for gnashing purposes.

Teeth made recently are filled with gold in order to make them look more lifelike, and so artificial teeth can be made to fool the closest scrutinizer. A dentist does not listen very closely to what you say, but as you talk he watches very carefully to see what sort of teeth you wear, just as the bootblack keeps his eyes all the time on the feet of the people who go by him.

Mr. Foster was very polite to me while I was in Atlanta and tendered me the hospitality of his horse. He has a horse that has outlived eleven grooms. He came very near overtaking me. The hen is a biped, indigenous to all temperate countries, and often tempts people who wish to make a livelihood without heavy work to go into the egg business. Also into the growth of broilers for the New York market. Do not try to raise eggs and broilers in a flat, for the other tenants might not like it. Hens need room. If you crowd your hens they will die off by the score.

This is my third effort in the direction of supplying the metropolitan market with eggs and broilers. Generally the metropolitan market is kind enough to supply me.

I used to have a very handsome henry and a small book regarding her culture, and on a still day, after reading extensively from the old Greek poets, I might have been seen temporizing with a scorching hen and trying to get her to try sedentary pursuits. In the fall I had hatched by means of my own incubator and the aid of friends, among them the teacher who boarded at our house, eighty-seven dear little downy chicks, at an expense of \$100. I had just figured up the cost and assets when one of my incubators in the dead of night was knocked over by a colored man who had formerly been my butler and the henry set fire to. By this means I lost my entire seed.

New England Andirons Are Rare. Early New England andirons, or fire dogs, of brass or wrought iron, are all affairs ornamented with dogs' heads. They are seldom seen in New York, although they are imitated occasionally in modern wares. A great many excellent antique andirons and fire sets come from the eastern shore of Maryland and from Virginia. The stove drove out the fireplace in New England, but the milder climate of Maryland and Virginia made the fireplace a permanency there, and in many old houses in those states the fire irons of three generations ago are in use.

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The two lived on for a month or two, but after a short visit from a man who came to our house to obtain much needed rest in accordance with the advice of his physicians, it was noticed that they had gone somewhere, and the cook tells me that they figured on the moon one evening while he was here.

I noticed one evening that the table seemed to groan more than usual under its load of delicacies, and perhaps that was the time.

Bill Nye
Squaring Things.

Softly is so regarded of people's feelings that when in company he always ends his speeches about persons with, "present company excepted, of course." The other night, while talking with Miss Becky Sharpe on the intellectual difference between men and women, he said: "But, after all, I think women are superior to men intellectually—present company excepted, of course."

"Well, I don't know," said Miss Sharpe thoughtfully. "I've met some very intelligent men—present company excepted, of course."—New York Press.

Dropping the Subject.



Tired of Waiting.

When Labouche was a clerk in the foreign office at Washington, one day an aggressively irate countryman of the young attaché with a grievance presented himself at the legation and demanded to see the British minister. He was shown into Mr. Labouche's room, who, with the suavity which never deserts him in the most pressing moments, explained that his excellency was not in. "Well," said the visitor, evidently suspecting an attempt to bluff, "I must see him, and will wait till he comes."

"Very well," said Mr. Labouche; "pray take a chair," and he resumed his writing. At the end of an hour the Britisher, still fretting and fuming, asked when the minister would be back. "I really cannot say exactly," the attaché answered.

"But you expect him back?" the visitor insisted. "Oh, certainly," said Mr. Labouche. At the end of another hour the irate visitor, bounding up, insisted on knowing what were the habits of the minister at that period of the day. Was he likely to be in in another hour?

"I think not," said Mr. Labouche, with an increased blandness. "The fact is, he sailed for Europe on Wednesday and can hardly yet have reached Queens-town. But, you know, you said you would wait till he came in, so I offered you a chair."—London Cor. New York World.

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